



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

March 10, 2003

Applicants: Andreas Hajek et al.

For : Moulding Composition For The Production Of
Sanitary-Ware Components

Serial No.: 09/664 241

Group: 1713

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Confirmation No. 4110

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 14-16 without prejudice

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REMARKS

This Response is offered in reply to the office action of September 12, 2002. Applicants enclose a petition and fee for a three month time extension.

In paragraph 2 of the office action, the examiner requires Applicants to cancel non-elected claims 14-16. Applicants have cancelled claims 14-16 without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute claims 14-16 at a later date by way of divisional application or other means.

In further response to the final rejection, Applicants are concurrently filing a Notice Of Appeal To the Board Of Appeals since Applicants believe that the rejections of the pending claims based on the Kreig et al. EP 639 539 document as the primary reference are patently incorrect for the reasons set forth in Applicants' previous Response dated June 7, 2002, and that the pending claims are allowable in their present form.

Applicants request entry of this amendment.

Respectfully submitted,



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